

# Federal Aid (LSTA)

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- For additional information on LSTA in South Carolina, contact Kathy Sheppard , LSTA Coordinator, or (803) 734-4619.ABOUT LSTA

NOTE: The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the only federal program exclusively created for libraries, is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

## Federal Funding Status - What's Ahead for Program Year 2009

(As of 02/04/08) Proposed in President Bush's fiscal year (FY) 2009 budget are several key increases for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Included are the following totals:

\$171.5 million for state grants, an increase of \$10.6 million over FY 2008; this funding increase ensures that smaller states will have the resources to serve their populations, a priority the Congress recognized in 2003;

\$12.715 million for the National Leadership Grants for Libraries, an increase of \$556,000 over FY 2008;

\$26.5 million for the Recruitment of Librarians for the 21st Century, an increase of \$3.16 million over FY 2008;

\$3.717 million for Native Americans Library Services, an increase of \$143,000 over FY 2008; and

\$3.5 million for library policy, research, and statistics (included in the administration total), an increase of \$1.54 million over FY 2008; this will help libraries identify the programs that most effectively serve users.

## Program Year 2008

Program year 2008 sub grants are awarded under LSTA, P.L. 108-81, as amended, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 45.310. South Carolina's Program Year 2008 award is \$2,424,418-- \$45,218 less than FFY 2007 (a 1.8% reduction). Funds are for the two-year grant activity period that began Oct. 1, 2007 and continues until Sept. 30, 2009. The total 2008 allotment distributed to states is \$160,885,357-- a 1.7% reduction.

## Program Year 2007

Program Year 2007 funds are for the two-year grant activity period that began Oct. 1, 2006 and continues until Sept. 30, 2008. South Carolina's Program Year 2007 LSTA award is \$2,469,636.

## LSTA Legislative Overview

On April 30, 1996, Congress passed and the President signed the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The Museum and Library Services Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-208) created the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). It moved the federal library programs from the Department of Education and the museum programs of the former Institute of Museum Services to the new agency. LSTA allocates federal funds to state library agencies for statewide services and for subgrants for technology and for targeting library and information services to persons who have difficulty using a library.

In September 2003, President George W. Bush signed into law H.R. 13 the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003

(P.L. 108&mdash;81). The legislation reauthorized federal support provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Amendments made to the Act became effective on October 1, 2003. Through the legislation, using a population-based formula, IMLS provides funds to State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAAs). The funds are dispersed to every state in the nation and the territories to enhance library services in public, school, academic and research libraries and archives. State Libraries may use their LSTA appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services; states may also distribute the funds through sub grant competitions or cooperative agreements. All LSTA supported programs and/or projects must meet at least one of the six federal purposes/priorities as specifically outlined in the LSTA legislation (20 U.S.C. 9141) and at least one of the state goals as identified in SC's Five-Year State Plan for 2008-2012.